



# SALUTE

November 2019

## A Detachment of Kansas Newsletter

Greetings Team Kansas,

This year seems to be zooming right past us. I can't believe we are already reading the November issue of the SALute. Before long we will be at the Big Red 1 Turkey Run which is on November 23rd at Fort Riley. If you haven't sent your information to me for base entry, please do so. We need your Name, Date of Birth, Driver's License #, State of Issuance and rather you are a Male or Female. We can also get you on the list for Operation North Pole. Remember, if you have a DOD issued ID card and have base privileges, you can enter and take 5 people with you in your vehicle. All they will need is a picture ID to enter the base. If you have not been to either of these American Legion Family events, I encourage you to make the effort to attend. We all get something different out of it, but don't be surprised if you have a little moisture in your eyes as you are helping our Military Heroes and their families.

It was my honor to meet many of you at the many District Homecomings that I was able to attend. It continues to amaze me of the support that the Sons of The American Legion have around the entire state. That tells me that we are all out there doing something. Obviously we can't do it all, but we can sure try. Just remember that when report time rolls around. Keep track of what you do and make sure you put it on your Consolidated Squadron Report. National can garner a lot of information from these reports and then when the National Commander goes before Congress, he has the many members of the American Legion Family with him. If you look at what the American Legion has accomplished in previous years, you will understand how important those reports really are.

I'm going to try to help Vice-Commander Wallsmith out a little with membership. How important is your membership to you? Do you enjoy the benefits that your Post or neighboring Posts have to offer? We still have over 40 goose eggs. That's over 40 Squadrons that haven't sent in a transmission of membership to Department. I don't know about you, but my membership means everything to me. As many of you know, both of my parents were Veterans. My membership in the Sons of The American Legion was earned by them. It's a privilege for me to belong to this great organization where I can be with like minded people, Veterans and civilians alike, and enjoy the camaraderie that we all share as members. Without the membership we don't have the programs. Without the programs we don't have an organization. Please, send in your Squadron's membership and let's eliminate those goose-eggs.

Hopefully in the coming months I will see some of you during my travels. I am more than happy to try to get to many of the events that happen around the state. If you would like me to come visit, just let me know and I will do my best to get there.

Until Next Time "Always Remember the Mission".

**Terry Harris**

Commander, Detachment of Kansas 2019-2020

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# ***Notes from the Detachment Vice-Commander And Membership Chairman***

Greetings Team Kansas,

We are in the 5<sup>rd</sup> month of the 2019-2020 membership drive. We currently still have 41 out of 126 Squadrons with “Goose Eggs”. While we continue to achieve the national membership targets the task would be much easier with all our Squadrons on board.

The “Goose-Egg” Squadrons are listed in this issue of the SALute. If you have paid your 2020 dues and your Squadron is on the “Goose-egg” list you should be asking WHY, and also where are your dues that you paid in good faith.

Once again I will stress the message of team work in the membership drives, the importance of renewals, and eliminating the “Goose Eggs”. If I or any member of the Leadership Team can be of assistance please do not hesitate to contact us. Achieving our membership and renewals goals is not only important to us, The Sons of The American Legion, but also to our American Legion Family. It’s a known fact that we have all of the people in place to do what should be one of the simpler tasks we perform. For whatever reason we’re not doing what we’re supposed to do. We’re all adults and fully understand the duties of the positions we volunteered to serve. It’s time to step up and honor the oaths of office we took and get on with the task at hand.

If you’ve read this message and feel the desire to have a conversation with me please call me at 785-443-6095 or e-mail me at [wacuma2016@gmail.com](mailto:wacuma2016@gmail.com).

Until next month keep doing all the good things you do for our Veterans their families, widows and orphans. Thank You for all you do, you do make a difference in more ways than you know.

Respectfully,

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Vice-Commander, Detachment of Kansas 2019-2020  
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# Detachment Adjutant's Notes:

## Membership:

### **2019 S.A.L. Membership:**

***REMINDER: THERE IS STILL TIME...*** It is not too late to pay 2019 dues.

Check your rosters and be sure your members have one last opportunity to keep their continuous membership in The Sons of The American Legion. We still need 25 to achieve our goal of 100%!!!

***The 100% Goal is still achievable... Keep after those renewals...!!***

### **2020 S.A.L. Membership:**

All Squadrons have received the 2020 Membership Cards and packets. It's time to get rid of the membership "Goose-Eggs"!! We have **126** Squadrons in Kansas. As of **10-31-19** **85** Squadrons have made a 2020 Membership Transmittal. That still leaves **41 "Goose-Eggs"**. A listing of the "Goose-egg" Squadrons is included in this issue of the SALute. I know that many Squadrons have collected 2020 dues but for whatever reason have yet to transmit them to Topeka. Please insure your Squadrons dues are transmitted in a timely manner.

***Please transmit the dues you have collected !!!***

***Let's get rid of the "Goose-eggs"!!!***

## 2019-2020 Squadron Officers Forms:

***Has your Squadron submitted an updated 2019-2020 Officers Form to Headquarters ??***

Be certain to submit a 2019-2020 Squadron Officers Form even if there are no changes from last year. The blank form is in this issue of the SALute. Be sure to add e-mail addresses for your officers.

***Please be sure your Squadron submits a 2019-2020 Squadron Officers Form.***

***We cannot communicate with you if we don't know who you are !!***

## Did You Know..??

The Detachment of Kansas has a new web site... [www.salkansas.org](http://www.salkansas.org)

A BIG *Thank You* to our webmaster Chris Krueger for making this happen..!!!

**Veterans Day:** November 11 is rapidly approaching. Most Posts and communities have celebrations and events to acknowledge our Veterans on November 11. Be certain you and your Squadron are involved. Be sure to take the time to honor our Veterans and say "Thank You" ... they've earned it.

**Holiday Season:** The Holiday Season is just about here. Many opportunities will present themselves to assist those that need a helping hand during the Holidays. Make certain your Squadron is working with your Post and Auxiliary to show that The American Legion Family is making a difference in our communities. Not only does it support the Four Pillars but it's the right thing to do and you'll feel better for it.

As always, if I can be of help feel free to contact me.

***Don Culver***

Adjutant, Detachment of Kansas

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# **"GOOSE-EGG" SQUADRONS**

Here it is November, **month 5 in the new membership year**,  
And these Squadrons have not transmitted any membership...zero, zip, nada.

***Definitely not a badge of honor...!!***

**District 1:** Hanover, Leavenworth 94, Linn, Rossville, Troy

**District 2:** KC Armourdale, KC Quindaro, Lawrence, Paola

**District 3:** Columbus, Girard

**District 4:** Clay Center, Council Grove, Dwight, Emporia, Hope, Lyndon, Overbrook, Peabody

**District 5:** Andover, Halstead, Sedgwick, Whitewater, Wichita 256, Wichita 273

**District 6:** Ellsworth, Kensington, Lucas, Scandia

**District 7:** Burdett, Geneseo, Hardtner, Kingman

**District 8:** Brownell, Garden City, Utica

**District 9:** Colby, Grainfield, Logan, Norton, Selden

Per Headquarters 10-31-18

***If you belong to one of the above Squadrons and have paid your dues for 2020,***

***guess what...***

***No one has bothered to transmit them to Headquarters.***

***If it was me I would be asking WHY NOT, and what happened to my dues !!!***

# All Squadrons in the Detachment of KANSAS can now process membership online

This feature utilizes electronic payment methods via MySAL.org, and eliminates the need for Squadron Officers to send the National and Detachment portion of the (3-part) membership cards and paper-checks to the Department/Detachment Headquarters office.

If you are currently a MySAL.org user, just select the “Process Membership” option in the left-menu. The attached instructions should help you navigate through this new feature.

If you are NOT a MySAL.org user, go to [www.MySAL.org](http://www.MySAL.org) and sign-up by completing the “Squadron Authorization Form”. Please print the attachment(s) for instructions and more details.

**If you experience any problems or issues, Customer Support can be reached by calling 1-800-433-3318 or by email: [MyLegion@Legion.org](mailto:MyLegion@Legion.org).**

Justin McKay  
The American Legion  
MyLegion Department Services, IT



## NOTE:

**Individuals CANNOT process or renew on-line at this time, ONLY Squadrons.**

**If you have any questions please contact our Department Membership Secretary Michelle at  
785-232-9315,  
or Detachment Adjutant Don Culver.**

**Also,**

**Squadron On-Line Transmittals are an optional feature and not mandatory at this time.**

**Additional info /instructions can be found on our web page [www.salkansas.org](http://www.salkansas.org) under the  
Membership Tab**



**The American Legion Family**



**1st Infantry Division**

**The 12th Annual Big Red 1 Turkey Run  
is coming November 23rd 2019.**

**Gate Access will start at 0700 to setup  
The event runs from 1000-1400**

**Let's all have a great time showing  
our Heroes how much we appreciate them**



**A special Thank You goes out to  
the entire Legion Family for all of  
the Donations of food to this event**

Contact Roger Beckley  
ALR Committee Chairman  
For more Information  
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ALR Secretary  
For more Information  
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1st Infantry Division

**December 13, 2019  
1700 to ? or 5:00 - ?**

**Entry to Fort Riley  
Can begin at 1100 for setup**

**The American Legion Family  
Brings You**



**December 14, 2019  
0900 - 1500  
Or 9 AM - 3 PM**

**On Saturday the 14th we will have access to the ClamShell at 0700 (7:00)**

**Remember, Clean-up starts after the last little one sees Santa.**



**Santa and his Elves**



**One of our Hard working Elves**



**THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY**



**More Info?  
Roger "Road Dog" Beckley  
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**For Gate Access Contact  
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# National Dues Increase

At the Sons of The American Legion National Convention on August 24, 2019 in Indianapolis the delegates to the National Convention voted to increase national dues effective with the 2021 membership year (June 2020). This is the first increase in national dues since 1982.

In anticipation of this the delegates of the state convention of the Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Kansas, voted to increase state dues at its Detachment Convention on May 18, 2019 in Hutchinson. The dues increase was subsequently approved by the Kansas Department Executive Committee at their meeting on June 1, 2019 in Concordia.

Currently each Kansas Squadron transmits \$10 per paid member to Headquarters in Topeka. Effective with the 2021 membership year (June 2020) that amount will increase to \$20 per paid member.

While many Squadrons may have to raise their member's dues next year to afford the increase in transmittal fee it should be remembered that the transmittal fee is still much less than what the Post sends to Topeka for each Veterans membership.

Any questions regarding the increase should be directed to Detachment Commander Terry Harris or Detachment Adjutant Don Culver.



# S.A.L. District Officer Contacts

*Got a question...?? Need a contact in your District...??*

## District 1

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*Contact your District Officers and ask how you can get involved..!!!*

# Upcoming Events/Dates:

July 1, 2019

- *Updated 2019-2020 Squadron Officer lists were due to Headquarters in Topeka*

November 3 thru November 7, 2019

- American Legion NVC Bruce Feuerback (IA) touring western Kansas

November 11, 2019

- Veterans Day



November 23, 2019

- Big Red One Turkey Run, Fort Riley

December 7, 2019

- Department Christmas Party ... Hutchinson Post 68 ... Please RSVP with Chuck Shoemaker

December 13-14, 2019

- Operation North Pole, Fort Riley



January 15, 2020

- Legislative Reception... Capital Plaza Hotel, Topeka ... must RSVP with Headquarters in Topeka

February 1-2, 2020

- Mid-Winter Conference ... Fort Scott Post #25

June 11-14, 2020

- Kansas Legacy Run, beginning in Great Bend and ending in Abilene, traveling almost 900 miles to raise funds for The American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund



**THIS SHEET DUE TO HEADQUARTERS BY JULY 1**

**2019-2020 S.A.L. SQUADRON OFFICERS LIST**

THE OFFICERS OF \_\_\_\_\_ SQUADRON # \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT # \_\_\_\_\_

**MAKE SURE EACH OFFICERS NAME, COMPLETE ADDRESS,  
PHONE NUMBER and E-MAIL IS COMPLETED**

**COMMANDER:** Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**FIRST VICE-CMDR:** Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**SECOND VICE-CMDR:** Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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**ADJUTANT:** Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**FINANCE OFFICER:** Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**CHAPLAIN:** Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**SGT.-AT-ARMS:** Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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**HISTORIAN:** Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**AMERICAN LEGION ADVISOR:** Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**MEETING DATE & TIME** \_\_\_\_\_

**ANNUAL DUES** \_\_\_\_\_

**SQUADRON'S PERMANENT ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

WE'VE HAD COMPLAINTS ABOUT DETACHMENT MAILINGS NOT BEING RECEIVED OR SENT TO  
THE WRONG PERSON. BY RETURNING THIS FORM WE WILL HAVE THE CORRECT  
INFORMATION FOR OUR RECORDS.

**PLEASE FILL OUT AFTER YOUR ELECTIONS OF NEW OFFICERS AT THAT MEETING**  
**AND FORWARD THIS FORM TO HEADQUARTERS**

# Communication Tools:

- Detachment of Kansas web site: [www.salkansas.org](http://www.salkansas.org)
- Detachment of Kansas Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/kansassal>
- S.A.L. National web site: [www.legion.org/sons](http://www.legion.org/sons)
- S.A.L. National Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/americanlegionsons>

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## Future National Conventions

Louisville, KY	August 28-September 3, 2020
Phoenix, AZ	August 27-September 2, 2021
Milwaukee, WI	August 26-September 1, 2022
Charlotte, NC	August 25-31, 2023
New Orleans, LA	August 23-29, 2024

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**Does your membership card say **2020** on it...?**

**If not, it's time for you to renew ...!!**



**Renew your Squadron dues...**

**then be sure it gets transmitted to Topeka.**

**Don't let your Squadron be a "Goose-Egg" ...!!**